various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture, micro nutrients etc. in order to motivate the farmers to take up cultivation of oilseeds including sunflower. Further, in order to transfer the improved protection technologies to the farmers, frontline demonstrations by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and block demonstrations by the states are also organized.

The amount released to the State of Orissa for promoting oilseed cultivation including sunflower under OPP during the last three years in as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount
2000-01	369.97
2001-02	131.25
2002-03	25.00

Construction of houses for homeless fishermen

1876. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government is constructing houses for the homeless fishermen in the State with assistance from the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard with amount released, so far, and the amount which remains to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, 5000 houses at a total cost of Rs. 1500 lakh have been sanctioned to the State of Karnataka. As per funding pattern of the scheme, cost is shared by the Central and State Government on 50:50 basis. Against the Central share of Rs. 750 lakh, amount of Rs. 601.65 lakh has been released to the Government of Karnataka so far and balance amount is Rs. 148.35 lakh.